

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

B O R O U G H O F S O U T H W O L D

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

Arthur C. Gee, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1972.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1971.

The Registrar-General's mid-year estimate of population is 2,040, a decrease of 50 on the previous year. The number of livebirths were 12 (16 in 1970), which is well below the national average. Unfortunate for the first time in many years there was one stillbirth recorded in 1971. There were 41 deaths in the Borough during the year (43 in 1970), which is nearly double the crude rate deaths for the rest of England and Wales.

There were no cases of infectious disease reported during the year.

The main cause of death was through Ischaemic Heart Disease, Cerebrovascular Disease and other diseases of circulatory system. The number of deaths from Cancer was relatively few.

The Public Health Inspector has prepared that part of the Report dealing with the work of the Borough as a local sanitary authority, and I am grateful to him for this and for his help during the past year.

I express my thanks to you, Mr. Mayor, and to Members of the Council for the attention given to and interest taken in the work concerning various aspects of the health of the Borough.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE,
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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 624 acres.

Population, 1971: 2,040 (as estimated by the Registrar-General).

Number of inhabited houses as at 31st December, 1971: 1,079.

Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1971: £117,522.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	SOUTHWOLD					ENGLAND AND WALES
	Total	Male	Female	Crude Rate	Adjusted Rate	
Livebirths -						
legitimate	11	5	6	-	-	-
illegitimate	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total	12	5	7	-	-	-
Livebirth rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	5.9	10.3	16.0
Stillbirths	1	-	1	-	-	-
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and still- births	-	-	-	24.4	11.95	12.0
Deaths of infants -						
under 1 year of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
under 1 week of age	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 livebirths	-	-	-	-	-	18.0
Deaths from all causes	41	21	20	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	20.1	9.8	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Total	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	1	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	3	1	2
Other malignant Neoplasms	2	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	14	8	6
Cerebrovascular Disease	7	4	3
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	2	4
Pneumonia	3	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
	41	21	20

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Number of patients on register at 1.1.71	2	2	1	1	6
Number of patients added during year	-	-	-	-	-
Number of patients removed during year	-	-	-	-	-
Number of patients on register at 31.12.71	2	2	1	1	6

Patients removed from register

Recovered	...	...	...	Nil
Died	...	...	...	Nil
Removed	...	...	...	Nil

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1971

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report of the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1971.

WATER SUPPLY

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all domestic requirements has been maintained throughout the year. This service is provided by the East Anglian Water Company.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall during the year was 19.83 inches. There were 283 days without, and 82 days with some rain. November was the wettest month with a total of 2.03 inches.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Number of existing properties connected to the sewer - 1,268.

All drains are examined before being covered, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

In spite of the heavy increase in the bulk of house refuse, the house refuse collection service operates quite satisfactorily, approximately 1,950 tons being disposed of. During the height of the summer season, heavy demands are made on the service, and it is necessary to implement the normal collection with our tractor service.

All refuse is tipped and kept under control at the tip situated near the Gasometer Works.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1971 (including dwelling houses)

During the year 480 premises were visited, of which 320 were dwelling houses and 160 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 12 defects or nuisances were found, and 12 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 3 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to the personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

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SHOPS ACT 1950 SECTION 38

All the non-exempted shops in the district were visited periodically. There were no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Number of factory chimneys in the district	...	...	...	2
Number of observations taken	...	...	...	Nil
Number of legal proceedings taken	...	...	...	Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The number of premises registered and visited during the year were:

Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Retail shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Catering establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Fuel storage depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total									69

At these premises the following numbers of persons were employed:

Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Retail shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150
Catering establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Fuel storage depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total									282

(Of this total 128 were males and 154 females)

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Premises	No. registered during year	No. registered end of year	Premises visited
Offices	-	15	15
Retail shops	-	45	45
Catering establishments	-	8	8
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
TOTAL	-	69	69

No. of visits to registered premises - 69

FACTORIES ACT 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	20	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	6	-	-
TOTAL	26	26	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were				No. of cases in which Prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	7	-	-	-

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960 SECTION 1

Number of complaints received 1
 Number of complaints investigated 1

	Industrial	Commercial	Domestic
Number of complaints confirmed	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number of complaints remedied informally	Nil	Nil	Nil

RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

Type of Property	Total	Notified by		Recorded	Rats Major	Rats Minor	Mice only
		Occupier	Otherwise				
Local Authority Dwellinghouse	3	5	-	2	-	1	-
Business	1,029	60	-	30	-	20	-
Agricultural	273	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,305	65	-	32	-	21	-

Measures of Control by Local Authority

Type of Property	No. Inspected	No. of Inspections	No. of Notices Served: Section 4	
			Treatments	Works
Local Authority Dwellinghouse	12	36	-	-
Business	32	20	-	-
Agricultural	4	6	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	48	62	-	-

Type of Property	No. of Treatments carried out				Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Section 6 (1) or by informal arrangements. No. of surface associated sewers		
	By arrangement with owner		Under Section 5 (1)		Blocks	Separate occupancies	Manholes treated
	Rats	Mice only	Rats	Mice only			
Local Authority	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dwellinghouse	30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Business	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agricultural	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	33	—	—	—	—	—	—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Inspection

The following foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed, being unfit for human consumption:-

	lbs	ozs
Canned meats	60	-
TOTAL	60	-

Food Premises

Number of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Number of premises found unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number rendered satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
<u>Number of premises registered under Section 16 Food & Drugs Act 1955</u>								
Ice Cream - Manufacture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Ice Cream - Storage or sale only	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Sausages, preserved foods, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK

There is one local dairy, which is kept under adequate conditions.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES

These have been found to be satisfactory.

HOUSING

Number of houses or parts thereof closed	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of houses demolished by formal action	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of houses demolished by informal action	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of families rehoused from unfit houses	...	...	...	...	Nil

New Houses

Number of new houses erected by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	19
Number of new houses erected by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	2
Provided by conversion, etc.	...	...	...	...	7

Improvement Grants

Number of improvement grants approved during the year:-

Discretionary	30	Standard	5
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Disinfections, etc

Number of premises disinfected	Nil
Number of premises disinfested	Nil

Movable Dwellings

Number of sites licensed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of individual licences	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	108
Number of movable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) for holiday use	...	...	...	...	...	176
(b) for residential use	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

November, 1972.

I. B. DONALDSON
Public Health Inspector.

